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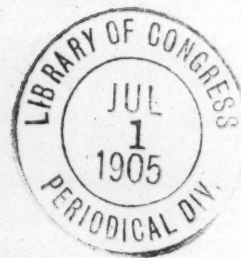
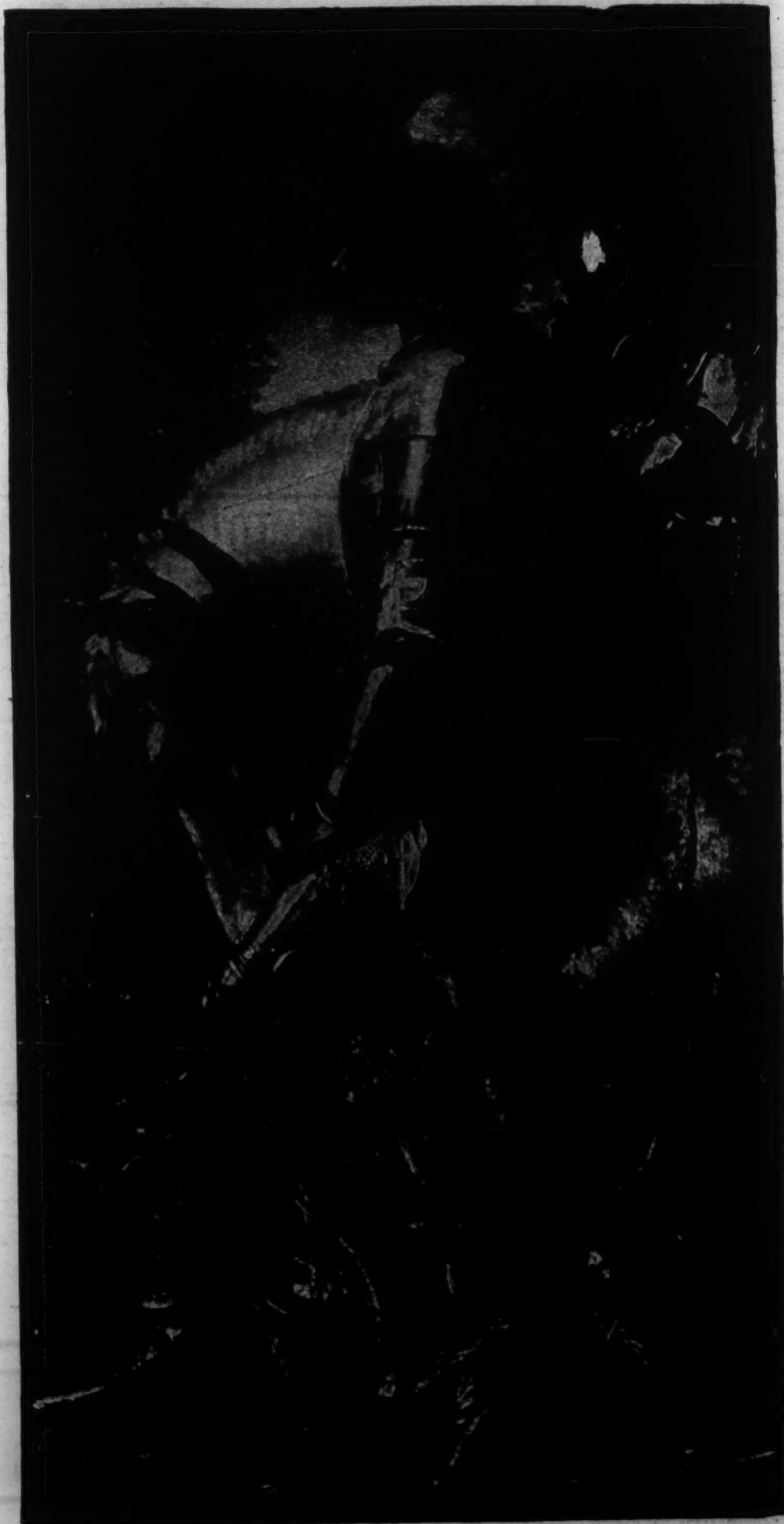
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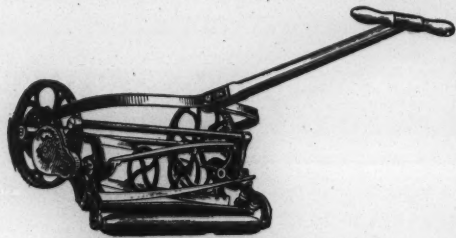
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Editorials.

DISPOSITION is the birthday gift of the good or bad fairy who attends us on that auspicious occasion, invited to be present by the character and actions of a long line of forbears. Habit is an accoutrement of our daily life secured by our own efforts or trained to our service while we linger around our mother's knee and the nursery fireside. It has the power to destroy even the gift of the bad fairy, and instead of being "second nature," if persisted in may become nature itself.

In one's intercourse with people how often one wonders if the traits that hurt and annoy and those that charm in one's fellow man are due to disposition or habit, the inheritance of a long persisted in habit of one's forefathers or the painstaking product of one's own personal training. Are we not often impressed by our contact with the chronic fault-finder, the habitually indifferent and the ever sympathetic commender of our efforts; each represents a class of people whom we meet on life's journey, and each is exerting an influence in the world. Are these three qualities all connected in a way attributable to disposition or habit, can they be cultivated and what do they mean to the world and those who practice them. There is that large class of individuals who can always see the flaw in the garment, hear the rift in the lute; who remind us of the things that have been left undone, and who regret the absent in the presence of an agreeable present. An effort may be perfect three hundred and sixty-four days in the year, but on the remaining day it lacks one final curve for symmetry, it needs one more brush mark for the perfect hue, and immediately we hear of its imperfections, the perfect wholes have all been forgotten! The weary labor of years counts for naught with them, they have no vocabulary of praise, their store of words abounds in adverse criticism. They forget that they have eyelids as well as eyes. Many good things do not pass their way and they wonder why! Then there is that habitually indifferent class of one's acquaintances, one could never call them friends; they are so self-centered that they fail to realize your trial or comprehend your joy. Sometimes this indifference is a slowness of moral or mental vision, sometimes it is the hall-mark of selfishness; your pain does not touch them, your pleasures and successes only arouse in them a spirit of jealousy, which makes them close their lips in silence. And then, blessed boone, there are those noble spirits who know the joy that comes from praise and who are big hearted and generous enough to give it freely. They are no poorer for the gift and the world is richer for their bounty. Real praise is not insincere, for the world is full of great and good people and one can surely see much in even the average person to admire and praise. Much more is accomplished in one's daily intercourse with one's fellowman by seeing the good that is in him than by carefully laying bare all the lackings of his moral, intellectual and physical nature. The tedious and tiresome task grows easy under the sunshiny influence of commendation, the unpleasant duty is accomplished with little effort when the gentle meed of praise for its performance is bestowed. It is the big heart, the large mind, the spiritualized nature which knows the human need for praise and is quick to respond to that need. As women, imbued with a desire for brightening and uplifting the lives

of those around us, can we afford to lose opportunities for giving praise where we can honestly bestow it?

Insincerity is a moral defect of character, and insincere commendation is easily detected, but we can easily train our hearts and minds to see the praise-worthy motives, thoughts and deeds of our fellow man; and seeing them to recognize their existence by an expression of our approval. There is an old proverb which says, "Those who have met in good can never be separated." This, then, is the reward of the sympathetic soul who sees the good in others. His life is lived in faith and love, it performs a divine service for mankind; with generosity of purpose it gives sympathetic recognition to all, and in return it becomes one of those miracle-working lives which make the rough places smooth and the crooked paths straight. Shall we not then cultivate the habit of giving commendation and overcome the disposition to blame!

THE Clubwomen of St. Paul, Minnesota, will not have all the responsibility of entertaining the eighth Biennial of the General Federation of Women's Clubs in 1906. The Common Council of St. Paul, without a dissenting voice, voted an appropriation of money for the entertainment of the Biennial. This recognition of the interest of the women of St. Paul is highly appreciated and speaks well for the fair mindedness of St. Paul's Common Council.

WOMAN'S ability to develop beauty in her surroundings has been recognized by the Illinois Central Railroad in the appointment of Miss A. E. McCrae of Chicago in charge of the landscape gardening and architectural remodelling needed to beautify all the passenger stations on their lines in nine States. Every detail of the work is left to Miss McCrae's judgment, and she will have a special private car at her disposal when busied with the work. This important railroad has evidently noted the interest with which woman has taken hold of the Civic Improvement idea, and they are wise enough to make use of this aptitude in behalf of their own interest.

THERE are three women members of the Massachusetts State Board of Education. The latest appointment having been made by Governor Douglas, who has named Mrs. Ella Lyman Cabot to take the place of the late President Elmer Capen of Tufts College. Mrs. Cabot is a member of the Governing Board of Radcliffe College, and managed with success the free vacation schools of the Massachusetts Civic League until their incorporation into the city school system. The other two women members of this Board are Miss Caroline Hazard of Wellesley and Mrs. Kate Gannett Wells. There is no doubt but that these able women, thoughtful students of the Educational problems of the day, bring much that is valuable to the deliberations of this Educational Board.

THE Jew is not behind other nationalities in his benefactions to charity. It has recently been announced that the New York Council of Jewish Women has received an anonymous gift of \$10,000 to establish a home for friendless girls. Mrs. Maud Nathan, a prominent Club woman, will furnish one of the rooms in the home in memory of her daughter, and other donations are coming in to supplement the first gift.

Enclosed please find renewal of subscription to *The Keystone*. It is always interesting and serves its purpose in an ideal way, while there is in every editorial a thought to keep in perpetuity.

Faithfully yours,
 DIMES T. S. DENISON,
 Honorary President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

OFFICIAL CLUB NEWS.

For the State Federations of Women's Clubs of South Carolina, Mississippi, North Carolina and Florida.
(This Department is official, and will be continued monthly.)

SOUTH CAROLINA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

Address all communications for South Carolina to the Editor, The Keystone, Charleston, S. C., *Manager*.

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70 Clubs—2,700 Members.

THE Educational Department of the South Carolina Federation would report that the following scholarships are open for competition this year:

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The examination for these Scholarships will be held in each County July 3rd. MISS ANNADORA BAER,

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It is interesting to Club women in South Carolina to know that Miss Baer has been honored by being selected as an assistant to M. Papot, the Professor of French, at Chautauqua, New York, this summer. Miss Baer will leave Charleston to assume her duties at Chautauqua on July 5th.

KINDERGARTEN REPORT:—During the past year I have written 46 letters in the interest of this department. Of these 29 were communications addressed to the President of a Club belonging to the Federation. Seventeen answers were received, and I still hope to hear, possibly at this Convention, from the remaining 12. Some replies were discouraging, others were inspirations. Anderson stands alone in having what we should all strive for, a kindergarten in connection with the public school system. Chester reports one private and one free kindergarten; Columbia can boast of one private and four free; Charleston has five private and four free; Greenville one private and one free, and Rock Hill reports two free kindergartens. Mention must be made of the mill kindergartens, for their work shows material progress. Anderson, Columbia, Charleston, Greenville, Greer, Laurens, Pacolet, Pelzer, Spartanburg, all have kindergartens that are wholly or in part supported by the mills. This shows a result then of eight private, seven free kindergartens maintained by associations, and nine supported by the mill companies, making a total of 24 kindergartens in the State. I am sure there are more but I've not been able to get in touch with them.—Beaufort, Seneca, Spartanburg and Greenwood report pri-

vate kindergartens which have failed through lack of patronage. Abbeville, Bennettsville, Prosperity, Sumter, Trenton, Union and Walhalla report sentiment unfavorable, and from Batesville, Blacksburg, Darlington, Edgefield, Greenville, Johnston, Lancaster, Kershaw, Newberry, Orangeburg, Summerville and Yorkville have heard nothing at all. There are three Training Schools for Kindergarten teachers in the State, one at Winthrop College under Miss MacFeat, one at Charleston, controlled by the So. Ca. Kindergarten Association, Miss Marion Hanckel, principal; and one at the Greenville Female College, Miss Perrin, principal. I wish to lay stress on the fact that only trained kindergarten teachers should be in charge of kindergartens; by this I mean those who have had full training and are graduates of recognized training schools. Not those who have assisted in a kindergarten, obtaining only a superficial knowledge of kindergarten principles. These do more harm than good to the advancement of the work, and should be guarded against. As this report has been purely statistical, and therefore rather dry, I have arranged to follow this with a short program, a dramatization as it were, of kindergarten theory and practice, under direction of Miss Marion Hanckel and I hope it will prove of interest to the Convention.

M. ELIZABETH KLINCK,
Chairman K'g'n. Dept. S. C. F. W. C.

THE TRAINER for the S. C. Kindergarten Association, Miss Marion Hanckel, of Charleston, has been engaged to assist Mrs. Mary Boomer Page, Chicago Kindergarten Institute, in the model kindergarten, at Kellogg Hall, Chautauqua, N. Y., for six weeks this summer. Miss Hanckel will also take the Professional Kindergarten courses, (the classes being after kindergarten hours), under Mrs. Page, Miss Lucy Wheelock, Boston; Miss Marie Sherlock, London, England, and Miss Marie Ruef Hofer, Columbia University, N. Y. Club women will note with pleasure that women prominent in this Federation work have been recognized as so valuable in their respective specialties as to be engaged for work at Chautauqua this summer. The inspiration and benefits which they will bring back from their summer's experience should be felt in the Club work in the coming winter.

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28 Clubs.

THE FEDERATION EDUCATION COMMITTEE has two hundred dollars pledged for the next year's Scholarship Fund

THE MISSISSIPPI Club women are proud of the fact that the first beneficiary of their Federation Scholarship Fund, Miss Epsie Patterson of Shirers, Miss., was a member of the graduating class at the Industrial Institute and College at Columbus, in June. She received the B. S. Degree and also a certificate in Bookkeeping. She was the bright Critic of the Calloway-Orr Literary Society, and was witty and popular.

AMONG THE ENTERTAINMENTS given during the meeting of the State Federation was a beautiful luncheon of eight courses given by Mrs. R. B. Mims in honor of her sister, Mrs. R. E. Jones, President of the Mississippi Federation. The decorations of ferns and narcissi were beautiful. The guests were Mmes. Sarah Platt Decker, Robt. E. Jones, Floyd Herman, T. R. Foster, Lock, Wilkins, McQueen, Fulger. The Mims' home is one of the handsomest in the State, and is presided over by Mrs. Mims and her only daughter, Mrs. Wm. R. Wright, 1st Vice-President of our State Federation.

THE ART CLUB OF JACKSON has decided to send to Mrs. C. L. Anderson, of Kosciusko, State Chairman of Traveling Libraries, a small collection of pictures as a nucleus for a traveling art library.

The Floral Club of Crystal Springs has promised to send her a collection of books and \$5.00.

The Twentieth Century Club of Kosciusko has decided to give a Book Reception during the summer for the benefit of the Federation Traveling Library.

THE TWENTIETH CENTURY CLUB of Friar's Point enjoys the distinction of being one of the two federated clubs in the Delta. The study of the year is the Chautauqua course, and has been both pleasant and profitable. Next year, besides the literary course, the Club hopes to work along other lines, one being the establishment of a kindergarten, for which a competent teacher has been secured to begin October 1st. Mrs. J. O. Lamkin is President. The motto of the Club is "More Light," and therefore its aim is education and culture.

UNDER THE AUSPICES of the Twentieth Century Club of Kosciusko and the Woman's Club of Durant, the people of these towns enjoyed the great pleasure of an evening's entertainment given by Mrs. Jessie Eldridge Southwick, of the Emerson College of Oratory of Boston. Her Shakespeare readings are unsurpassed.

MRS. MARY I. WOOD, of Portsmouth, N. H., Chairman of the Reciprocity Bureau of the General Federation, is accumulating a splendid lot of programs and outlines of study on a very large number of subjects, and it is hoped the Clubs will borrow and make general use of them, and thus establish a closer relation between the Federation and the individual Clubs.

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There will be held four Chautauqua Assemblies in our State during the summer. That held at Crystal Springs is best known to our Club women on account of the great interest taken in its welfare by the Floral Club of Crystal Springs.

An event which means much to Mississippi women was the dedication of the "Temple of Music" at the Industrial Institute and College, on May 2nd.

This beautiful structure is the realization of the hope of the faculty of the I. I. & C. to have the department of music equal in merit and standard that of any other institution in our country. The standard to-day is just as high as that of the famous New England Conservatory of Music. Occupying a prominent place on the campus a majestic and imposing structure is our beautiful "Temple of Music," said to be "the handsomest structure devoted to the exclusive use of the musical department that was ever erected by an American college."

It is very necessary that all Clubs in our State Federation and all committee chairmen send reports to the manager of this page. She cannot fill the page otherwise with suitable articles.

The Clubs of the State are suspending Club study during the summer. Some will continue to hold occasional social meetings.

NORTH CAROLINA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

Address all communications for North Carolina to Mrs. T. M. Pittman, Henderson, N. C.

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28 Clubs—750 Members.

THE following clubs have joined since the Concord convention: The Kensington and the Alma, Henderson; The Woman's, Kernersville; The End of the Century, Greenville; The Woman's, Mooresville; The Woman's Statesville; The Martha Washington, Mt. Olive.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE strongly recommend that each club subscribe to a copy of *The Keystone*, to be mailed directly to the Secretary; and that she read in the Club meeting the N. C. column and such other portions of the magazine as may be of interest. This is very important, for no matter how many copies of *The Keystone* are taken by individual club women, the club copy will reach all and will be rendered much more helpful by being read and discussed in open council.

If our organ is to help us, we must digest its contents.

THERE IS a strong feeling in the Federation against the unequal representation that now exists. The club of ten members is entitled to two delegates in the convention, while the large ones can have only two. This was discussed at length in Goldsboro, and the probability is that the large clubs will have justice meted out to them by a change in the Constitution at the Charlotte convention. The following women have the matter in hand and will doubtless recommend a satisfactory adjustment: Mrs. Cotton, Mrs. Murrill, Miss Gibson, Mrs. Gilmer, Mrs. Hollowell.

MRS. R. R. COTTEN, Bruce, N. C., is the chairman of the latest Department, added at Goldsboro: that of Child Study. The selection of this talented woman is especially fitting. Having been for some years Vice-President for N. C. of the National Mothers' Congress, she will find the new work a complement of that already on her heart, and will, we know, take it up with her characteristic energy and enthusiasm.

THE CLUBWOMEN of North Carolina will hear with regret and deep sorrow of the death of Miss E. Claytor Candler, of Winston-Salem, who for three years served the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs as Corresponding Secretary.

THE RECIPROCITY Chairman for the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs writes: "During our Federation I had charge of the program for an hour, during that time I read my report, and then had two papers read. The hour seemed very much enjoyed, and as it had never been presented to the Federation before, there was much interest and discussion. I wrote to each Federated Club in the State, asking that I be sent a paper representing the best work of the Club during the year. From these papers I had a committee to select the two best, and I had them read before the Federation. The Federation requested me to send *The Keystone* copies of the papers to file in your department. I have now in my department 62 papers and 17 year books. I am going to have these lists printed and sent to each Federated Club.

"Yours truly,

"MRS. G. W. WHITSETT,
"217 Church St., Goldsboro, N. C."

Report of Library Extension Department, N. C.,
Federation of Women's Clubs.

When the Woman's Clubs first proposed to lend boxes of books to their out of town friends, the offer was received with scant enthusiasm. No longer than two years ago, a county school when asked if they would like to have a box of books to read, replied that they had the library provided by the legislature and that was as many as they had need of. We learn from the laws of trade, that supply preceeds demand. The merchant to attract customers must show them wares that they never dreamed of. They create a want, a demand. So we have enticed the county schools to want books, and the applications for cases come in more numerous than we can supply. This condition was not peculiar to N. C. In the reports from other States in the Gen. Fed. were such subjects as these on the program for discussion: "How to Reach the People Who Need the Books," etc.

There are 85 traveling libraries belonging to the Clubs in the N. C. Fed., an increase of 46, over 39 as reported at our meeting in Concord. Our status in the Traveling Library Department compares well with other States of the Gen. Fed.

New York, with her State Federation of fifteen years, leads the list with 600 traveling libraries.

Ohio, 500; Illinois, 280. Our State comes in the list of States that have not been Federated so long, as California, 63; Colorado, 100; Connecticut, 63; Kentucky, 75; Maine, 100; Maryland, 32; Missouri, 60; S. C., 100; Tenn., 80.

Our libraries are made up, in a large majority of instances, by books that have been contributed. These, of course, are acceptable, but we cannot always supply just what is asked for, because the request is usually for juvenile books. Your Chairman has wished for a modest sum that might be invested in children's books so that half of each box would be adapted to the needs of children under twelve years.

Your committee is often encouraged by cases similar to this: At one County school, not a child had read a single book except the text books. A box of juvenile books was sent there and in a few months every child had read every book.

Magazines are still in high favor, and doubtless are read more generally by the families of the pupils than books.

Our system of Traveling Libraries is still operated on the community plan. There has been no general interchange of boxes from one section to another. This is more convenient at first. In the years to come we may hope to see cases of books being sent from the center to any section that needs them most.

The Libraries are owned as follows: Goldsboro, 21; Henderson, 21; Winston-Salem, 15; Greensboro, 4; Statesville, 15; Wilmington, 5; Concord, 2; Charlotte, 2.

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(21 Clubs—800 Members.)

THE Club of Current Events of Tampa held its annual election on April 13th, resulting as follows: President, Mrs. C. J. Huber; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. C. W. Carlton; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. T. R. Moore; Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. R. Fielding; Cor. Sec., Miss A. E. Caruthers; Treasurer, Mrs. O. G. Sexton; Librarian, Mrs. E. C. Harres; Assistant Librarian, Mrs. R. H. Harris. On May 26th the Club gave a banquet in its rooms, to which all the Club husbands were invited. Mrs. Huber acted as toast mistress for the following toasts: *The General Federation*, responded to by Miss Caruthers; *The State Federation*, responded to by Mrs. Henry Brash; *The Club of Current Events*, Mrs. C. D. Campbell; *The Club House*, Mrs. C. R. Hawk; *The Club Husband*, Mrs. J. W. Lester; *Fair Tampa*, Mrs. C. N. Carlton; *Grover Cleveland roasted*, by E. C. Harris. This Club is taking up seriously the work of bettering our city and county schools and for the next three months all our programs deal with that subject. The County Superintendent, Hon. W. B. Dickenson, addressed the Club on May 27th, making a stirring appeal to the women and mothers. State Secretary Jas. E. Crane will speak to this Club within the next five weeks on Compulsory Education and Child Labor. The Club is also giving a series of teas for the Club House Fund, and hope before long to be able to purchase a lot for a permanent home.

C. S. Z. HUBER.

MANY of our Florida clubs number among their most active and interested members winter visitors from the north, so their ranks are much depleted when they turn their steps northward the first warm days.

These are working days in San Mateo, for the club is a Village Improvement Association, and the results of its work are very gratifying to the town's people, as well as its members.

The club has offered a site and building to the county in which to maintain the public school, which will mean much work.

GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

President—Mrs. Sarah Paltt Decker, 1550 Sherman Ave., Denver, Col.

Cor. Sec.—Miss Louisa Poppenheim, 31 Meeting St., Charleston, S. C.

(Up-to-date notes.)

THE Board of Directors of the General Federation was held at Hotel Chalfonte, Atlantic City, N. J., June 6th, 9th and 10th; the meeting of the Council taking place in the *interim*. All of the officers and directors were present with the exception of Dr. Kendall and Mrs. Stoutenborough, both of whom were in Oregon. The Corresponding Secretary reported that 11 new Clubs had been admitted, and 50 Clubs had disbanded or resigned since the St. Louis Biennial. A list of these Clubs will appear regularly in the *Federation Bulletin*. Considerable time was given to the consideration of the proposed amendments to the By-Laws. The chief changes suggested being the five vice-presidents, from five geographical districts; the admission of national societies on the basis of fraternal mem-

bership with \$10.00 dues per year and one delegate; making General Federation Secretaries members of the Council; Chairmen of standing committees members of Biennial Conventions; fixing a quorum for Biennial at 100 members; having application for membership pass through the General Federation Secretaries to the 1st Vice-President of the General Federation; and specially and definitely defining the duties of the different officers. Of course, these amendments will be appended to the call of the St. Paul Biennial. The Corresponding Secretary was authorized to publish the 1906 directory in January, 1906, and this will be the official list of Clubs for the use of all Biennial Committees. The question of the most vital interest for the Board was the program for the St. Paul Biennial, and much was accomplished as the entire committee was present, and they had already systematized their work. The St. Paul Biennial will open Thursday morning, May 31st, and will continue through the following Thursday evening, making eight days. It was decided to have the sessions begin at 9.30 and last until 1.30, every day, and to devote the afternoon (4-6) to the various conferences. By this plan only one committee will be in session at one time, and only one conference at one time. One evening will be given up to a large reception in the Capitol, one afternoon to receptions in private homes, one whole day to an outdoor excursion, and vesper service will be held on Sunday afternoon. The State Presidents will make their reports at a special evening session, and all foreign Clubs represented by delegates will make reports at one of the morning sessions; each conference will be held after the committee has held its session, and each committee is limited to one speaker, who shall precede the chairman's report. The evenings as suggested are: State Presidents, Music, Women in the Professions, Journalists, Business and President's evening. It is possible that many changes may be made in this outline before it can be completed.

Upon Mrs. Penybacker's resignation from the Chairmanship of Membership Committee, Miss Louisa B. Poppenheim, Corresponding Secretary, was made Chairman, and Mrs. John Sherman, Recording Secretary, was added to the Committee. Upon the resignation of Mrs. Denison as Chairman, and Mrs. McKinney as a member of the Literature Committee, Mrs. Wm. Fair Brown, East Orange, N. J., was made Chairman, and Mrs. Grace Ross, Portland, Oregon, and Miss Mary B. Poppenheim, Charleston, S. C., were added to this Committee. The Board of Directors will probably not hold another meeting until January or February.

L. B. P.

The Council Meeting of the General Federation.

ALTHOUGH the Council meeting has been talked of for months past, not even the most sanguine Club women anticipated such a successful meeting as that which was held in Atlantic City, June 7th and 8th. Many years had elapsed since a Council meeting had been called, so there was great uncertainty as to the advisability and practicability of such a meeting. The Board of Directors of the General Federation was called at the same place for the day before, and two days following. The entire arrangements for this Council meeting were in the hands of Mrs. Yardly, New Jersey; Mrs. Johnson, Rhode Island, and Mrs. Orr, Ohio, and most satisfactorily did they plan for the entertainment and comfort of all Club women. Hotel Chalfonte was selected as headquarters and every want of every Club woman was carefully looked after—the arrange-

ment by which the meetings, social and business, were held within the hotel were most acceptable to all. The Council meetings proper were held in the library of the hotel, where everything was ideally arranged—the surroundings refined and the room pre-eminently suited for a woman's meeting. Through the Council Committee simple credential cards were prepared so that all Club women present could register. The Research Club of Atlantic City assisted in this work, and from these cards we found 140 members present—13 members of the Board of Directors, 14 State Presidents, 25 Club Presidents and 88 Club members.

The Council was formally opened by a prayer by Rev. Antoinette Blackwell Wednesday, June 7th, at 10 a. m., followed by the hymn, "Blest be the Tie that Binds," the words of which had been distributed among all present. Mrs. A. J. Newberry, President of New Jersey State Federation, extended a cordial welcome in an able address on the resources of the great State of New Jersey, to which Mrs. Decker very appropriately responded. Mrs. Sherman, the Recording Secretary, then gave a very concise statement of the work suggested at the Council meeting at the close of the St. Louis Biennial, and put the members of the Council in touch with the actual workings of the Biennial and the Board of Directors, fitting them for intelligent action at this meeting. By motion it was decided to allow no person to speak more than 3 minutes, and only once on the same subject.

Mrs. Moore, as Chairman of the Biennial Committee, reported satisfactory arrangements progressing in St. Paul, and that this Committee had already visited St. Paul looking over the places of meeting and all local preparations.

Mrs. Buchwalter, Chairman of Transportation, reported that she was unable to secure any special rates for the Council meeting, but that she was working hard for the Biennial rates.

Mrs. Cowles, Chairman of Program Committee, asked for suggestions to direct the decision of the Board, and considerable discussion was entered into by the meeting.

The following Committees made reports in the following order: *Pure Food*—Presented by Miss Lakey as the Chairman, Mrs. Miller was absent in Europe. She made a plea for a National Pure Food League. *The Industrial Committee*—Presented by Mrs. Dorr, Chairman, who made a plea for workers on the Biennial program, brought out the fact that women are dominating men in Trades' Unions, and that domestic service should be placed on a basis of business, and called special attention to the Intermunicipal League for Household Research. *Civic*—By Miss McKnight, Chairman, who made a plea for municipal and moral cleanliness. *Civil Service Reform*—By Miss Bacon, Chairman, who made an able statistical report of the definite work accomplished by this Committee. Reports of this kind encourage new Clubs and give Club women tangible facts to deal with. She urged the visitation of State institutions, and again asked for special meetings in January. She asked Club women to consider the Educational side of this subject rather than the legislative. *Education*—By Miss Abbott, Chairman, who made a plea for moral training in public schools in accordance with the resolutions presented at the St. Louis Biennial. *Library Extension*—By Mrs. Morris, Chairman, who made a plea for the establishment of free library commissions in every State. *Forestry*—By Mrs. Williams, Chairman, who stated that 37 States now have Forestry Committees, and made a strong plea for

State Forestry Reserves. All of these reports were followed by discussions from the floor. The following committees made no reports: Art, Household Economics, Child Labor, Literature and Legislative. Several of the proposed amendments to By-Laws, were discussed, especially the one relating to five vice-presidents, representing the five geographical sections of the United States instead of two vice-presidents.

Wednesday afternoon was given up to an address by Mr. John Foord, Secretary of the Asiatic Association, who made an interesting and able presentation of the subject of Chinese Immigration; stating the various treaties that had been made between the United States and China, and making a plea for the proper protection of Chinese gentlemen and scholars. After the discussion of this immigration question Mrs. Wood, Chairman of the Reciprocity Committee and of the Bureau of Information, stated that the Bureau has been established at her home in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and that she was ready to furnish outlines of study to Clubs desiring them. She spoke against the use of miscellaneous programs.

Thursday morning a conference of State Presidents was called, at which 14 State Presidents and seven Ex-State Presidents were present when State methods were discussed.

Wednesday evening was given up to the subject of Arts and Crafts, when Miss Robertson, of Montreal, Canada, and Miss Ward, of Newark, N. J., gave interesting illustrated talks on this fascinating subject.

Thursday evening Dr. Josiah Strong gave an able and valuable address on the subject of the "Readjustment of New Industrial and Social Conditions," which was followed by an address from Dr. Lindsay, a member of National Child Labor Committee, on the subject of "Child Labor." During the sessions Mrs. Decker called upon the following ladies to speak to the Council. Mrs. Wm. Gerry Slade, Mrs. Charlotte Wilbur, Mrs. Florence Kelley, Miss Anna Garland Spencer.

The question of the "official organ" was discussed, developing various opinions on the subject. Mrs. Doré Lyon, past editor of the *Club Woman's Magazine*, was present, and spoke in explanation of the discontinuance of that magazine, and the reason why unexpired subscriptions had not been filled out.

The reception given by the Research Club of Atlantic City in the parlors of the Hotel Chalfonte was most satisfactory and enjoyable, and the fact that most of the Club women were staying at the Chalfonte gave ample opportunity for social intercourse outside of the sessions. This is really the great value of such a meeting. The personal contact and the interchange of personal opinions on the vital questions of the Federation.

L. B.P.

Arts and Crafts.

Paper read at the Meeting of the South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs in Union, S. C., May 17th, 1905.

IT gives me much pleasure to speak to you to-night upon a subject of vital interest to all lovers of truth and beauty, and to feel that I can add in any way to the interest and development of the renaissance of hand-craft, which was so earnestly and ably forwarded during the last quarter of the Nineteenth Century by those two splendid specimens of English manhood—John Ruskin and William Morris.

The term Hand-Craft has now taken on the more comprehensive appellation of Arts and Crafts, signifying as it does, the fusion of mental and manual education, for brain must coincide with hand, lest the one weaken its tissues through over-refinement, and the other coarsen into mere mechanical drudgery.

The true workman loves his craft for its own sake, and because the thing upon which he expends his time, thought and energies becomes a part of his inner being. He must put into it, however, not only brain and hand, but heart and soul, for just so long as we follow blindly the plans and designs of another, just so long will we develop mechanical experts, but not the artist nor the master-workman.

Too much cannot be said in favor of industrial education, and the founding of a school of industrial art in the South is a matter for important reflection. Here the very climatic influence, the wealth of native material including the most beautiful specimens of fauna and flora, beds of fine clay, mines of mineral, quarries of stone and marble, all tend to create an asylum for Art, such as the world has only known in ancient Greece.

Varied material, this, for painter, poet, sculptor, craftsman! And what are we doing with it? What are we doing with it?

We have beneath our very feet material which if properly wrought would equal the priceless porcelains of China and Japan, but instead of using it and glorying in our possessions, year by year we are allowing it to be shipped away by the car load, to be used for adulterating sugars and fine confections, and for sizing *common window shades*! This material, which the ancient Chinese potter handled during his lifetime with the utmost reverence, and thought so valuable that in dying bequeathed it, even though a mere handful, as one of his choice possessions.

Many years ago, I believe in 1766 or 1767, Josiah Wedgwood, that great king among potters, said, on looking at a sample of clay from this State: "Some day this little colony of the Carolinas, beyond the sea, will rule the world 'in kaolins!'" It seems to me that time is ripe to prove this assertion, and in what better way could we do so than by establishing kilns, testing our fine earths and giving congenial and remunerative employment to numbers of earnest workers. There is in the South so much real in-born talent, but alas, so little practical opportunity!

Our own and our neighboring States, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, and Florida, are *all* teeming with beautiful clays of every variety, only awaiting the deft hand of the potter, combined with intelligent decorations to bring them both honor and profit, and yet in no one of them can you find an establishment where this wealth of material is being used, save in the crudest way, but each goes on buying with complacency uncouth wares of poor material from other States and foreign countries. There is not a tea-cup (that object dear to woman's heart) made South of Baltimore, and the usual homely, everyday baking dish is so *ugly* that it would make an angel weep!

The standard of beauty for things of the kind could so easily be raised, and yet not materially affect current prices; for, of course, to make anything a success, it would necessarily have to stand the test of commercial competition. This would especially hold true with numbers of small household articles, which by reason of constant use, break easily, and so need frequent replenishing. Also, some re-

gard should be had to individual utility, for awkward handles and impossible spouts have been the cause of destruction from time immemorial.

After centuries of divorce between the fine and industrial arts, the world has awakened to the needs of greater beauty in the home, and so a class of craftsmen has gradually arisen who have ideas to communicate, and mental ability to express them, but the supply is still inadequate.

This old, though ever new industry, the craft of the Potter, seems one to be especially adapted to women, for according to the aphorism of an ancient adept of the art, "working in clay makes one easy-minded," and women, as a rule, by reason of their keen sensibilities and sympathetic love for higher things, are apt to let their nervous energies run away with them.

I cannot leave the subject of clays without mentioning terra cotta and its suitability for interior and exterior decoration in house-building. It is practically indestructible, being almost as hard as cast-iron, and non-absorbent, making it a most beautiful material to use as cornices, caps for windows and doors, string-courses, facades, columns, etc. No possible condition of atmosphere seems to hurt it, while heat is its native element! Wood will burn to ashes, marble to powder, metal will run in molten streams, and yet terra cotta will glow red-hot under the same heat for days and weeks, and then cool down again into the same perfect shape as was originally fashioned by the hand of the master. Encaustic tiles are another form of terra cotta, which are also impervious to atmospheric conditions, and can be made to display every known color in the alphabet of Art. In most manufactories of this material the clay has to receive some coloring matter to give it tone, but there are to be found in several portions of this State clays which range in color, after burning, from pale creams, rose-pinks, to deep rich red-browns, without doctoring of any sort.

Of course, the place which terra cotta was held in history since the palmy days of Egypt, with its assistance in latter-day Biblical research, is too well known to dwell upon.

We are indebted largely for the rapid development of many arts to William Morris, poet, socialist and craftsman. It is said that his work as a decorative manufacturer sprung directly from the building and furnishing of his first home, called "Red House," Upton, in about 1860, when the homely and ungraceful Victorian period was at its height. The difficulty of obtaining suitable furnishings, or even in having them made after designing them, often caused Morris to work them out with his own hands; thus, having served his apprenticeship, as it were, to building and furnishing, the fascination of the craftsman was too strong to shake off, and he became a practical manufacturer of exquisite fabrics, stained glass, furniture and furnishings of all descriptions, enriching the world of industrial art as it had not been since the time of the 13th and 14th centuries.

Morris revived the art of high-warp tapestry weaving as it had been practiced only in its greatest days, using, like all masters of color, a simple palette. His complete list of steam-colors consisted of 2 blues, 1 blue-green, 2 greens, 2 yellows, madder red, indigo, and an occasional dash of black. With these, he produced the celebrated Hammer-smith carpets and Merton chintzes.

Although holding many positions of honor, this man is better known to-day by his beautiful dye-stuffs and pome-

granate wallpapers, than by either Socialism or Poetry. The moral to our manufacturers and mill-owners is obvious!

Several years ago, the celebrated geologist, Dr. David Day, of Washington, saw some specimens of our clays, which had been worked up only as far as the biscuit, or unglazed state, and was most enthusiastic over the fineness of the various earths, and the method of utilizing the same. On handling the last article, he exclaimed: "This is epoch-making!" Think of it, women of South Carolina! Would you not like to assist in epoch-making? Would you not like for the name of your Federation to go down into the annals of history as fostering industries of which you could be justly proud? Giving hundreds of talented persons occupations, which would mean a better livelihood than the sewing-machine or over-crowded typewriter? Then let us strive to build up schools which will enable us to enjoy our God-given gifts: schools which will ally both art and labor, bringing them into the necessary association.

Some one has pithily remarked, that art was the flower of labor, and indeed this is true; for labor gives substance to material, but art is the visible sign of pleasure which the worker takes in his own creation.

Perhaps it is not generally known that about three-fourths of the hand-craft of the present time is accomplished by women, most of whom have taken it up for the love of it, and not its commercial value, though after the expenditure of much money for equipments, receive back at least two-fold, (sometimes the proverbial ten). It must be understood, however, by this statement that only the *very best* work receives recognition, for the time of mediocrity—thank God—is past! One must give one's best in time, thought and originality if one expects the world's commendation or its highest market value.

Therefore I say again, establish schools and forward this work: but by this I do not mean great piles of stone and mortar, or institutions where those alone having talent for brush or sculpture may go, but a great broad wholesome school, where men and women of every walk in life may acquire a taste for the beautiful and refined. A school whose beneficent influence will be felt in the arrangement of the home, never mind how simple, in the architecture of the city, in the laying out of parks, and in the mills, from whence should come fine textiles, both in color and design. Encourage classes, form working guilds, exhibiting your accomplishments from time to time, and inviting other and more proficient workers to make loan exhibits whereby you can compare your own work and see in what you lack. Fine schools have sprung from just such simple beginnings.

Many bright and brainy women have turned their artistic fancies to practical account by the development of crafts and industries, which include: pottery, modelling, jewel work, stained glass, carved wood, leather and metal work, book-plates, china painting, needle work and weaving; with such exquisite results that the remuneration is often "beyond the dreams of avarice."

One young woman whose studio in New York is quiet and unpretensions, save for a charming river view from its windows, receives for a small silver repousse bonbon spoon, prices ranging from ten to twenty-five dollars. An exquisite prayer book bound in brown ooze skin, the covers ornamented by a conventionalized peacock feather etched in copper, brought her \$52.50. I feel some pride in this

statement, as this lady received almost her only instruction at my hands.

Now, I have been dwelling rather largely upon the financial side of my subject, for so much of life's success depends upon this most powerful incentive, but above all must come the innate love of work for its own sake, which is so ably expressed by Mr. Kipling in these few lines:

"And only the Master shall praise
Us, and only the Master shall blame;
And no one shall work for money,
And no one shall work for fame;
"But each for the joy of the working,
And each in his separate star,
Shall draw the thing as he sees it,
For the God of things as they are!"

Charleston, S. C.

MRS. ROBERT LEE HONOUR.

The Queen of Sheba.

BY A. L. S., CHARLESTON, S. C.
(Begun in December Keystone.)

"I WOULD rather have died than have you know," he spoke despairingly.

"Of course you would."

"I wish you would go away."

"No, you don't."

"You ought to go."

"I won't."

"Don't grieve about it. It was an accident. It was not your fault; I followed you too closely. After all, it isn't so serious."

"Don't talk to me; you can't deceive me again."

Elkins walked rapidly back and forth. He could not stand it much longer. There was a hunger within that cried out fiercely.

"However, I suppose you think you have a right to deceive me?" She lifted her face and questioned him with her sweet misty eyes.

"Why?"

"Because I deceived you once." Her face grew as rosy now as when they used to climb the hills together in the idle days. "Just once," he said with a brave attempt at playfulness. "Dear me, what a clear conscience for a woman!" "Now you are frivolous and don't care how much you hurt me; I am almost sorry I came!"

"I thought you would be," he replied gravely.

"But I am not, and I never intend to be!" she flashed defiantly.

Elkins did not answer. He stood looking at the ceiling, so much he feared to see her pleading face.

"I say I deceived you once," she began again.

"Probably, women generally do, its one of their prerogatives."

"Oh! if there are other women?"

"But there ar'nt, unfortunately all the women in the world seem to have got mixed up in you."

"I don't understand you," she said with veiled triumph.

"Better so—there's wisdom in forgetting."

"I did not know that I was deceiving you," she continued hesitatingly, while she twisted her fur boa into a ball.

"Then it does not matter!"

"Oh, but it does!" she protested eagerly.

"Then we will call it quits. Please go," he pleaded miserably, for some intention of what she meant was robbing him fast of power to resist.

"You are rude."

"No, I am only human and I can't stand this much longer."

"Don't you want me to stay?"

"You ought not to ask me that!"

"Why?"

"For God's sake, hush!" he cried, "or I will go mad!"

"You told me that day that you loved me, you asked me if there was any hope." She spoke softly and the long lashes swept her burning cheeks.

"I have forgotten!" he cried hoarsely, turning his eyes away from her. "It has all passed from me—utterly!"

"Look at me and repeat that three times," she commanded, rising and standing before him. "Since you think that a woman should be fed upon falsehoods!" Her eyes scorched him, her voice was scornful. She was the imperious Queen of Sheba once again.

He folded his arms upon his breast he looked her steadily in the eyes, his voice came slow and hard as iron but he started bravely.

"I have forgotten—"

"So have I not," she interrupted defiantly.

"It has all passed—my God!" he broke off miserably. "It is impossible when she looks at me thus!"

"I thought so," she replied triumphantly. "And so it is even thus." She took both of his hands in hers and raised them to her lips. "And you may always remember that I deceived you when I said there was no hope!"

"This is madness!" he cried, moving away from her. "I will accept no sacrifice!"

"Are you too proud to take a gift from me?"

"Too proud to take from compassion what I could not win through love. Too proud to let you do a rash and impulsive thing!" he cried out hotly. "Please go away before you make a coward of me."

"I will go," she answered proudly. "Twice you have asked me to go." With head uplifted, eyes flashing, she moved to the door like an angry queen.

Elkins turned away that he might not see her go. At the door she turned, head still uplifted, eyes still flashing.

"I am going, but all your life remember that you turned me out when I said I loved you!"

Swiftly he stood beside her. "Poor and blind—perhaps, what right have I to your love?" he pleaded hoarsely.

"Poor and blind—perhaps," she repeated softly. "Poor and blind—perhaps and yet too resentful to take this gift from her who injured you." She turned the knob slowly.

"Queen of Sheba, Queen of Sheba!" he cried desperately. "It is all wrong, but I cannot help it. Beloved—beloved, I can not help it!"

"I thought you could not turn me out!" she smiled as she rested in his arms for a minute. "But the nurse will, I hear her coming. Be sure you don't forget again, for I will never remind you again!" She laughed softly and before he could speak had slipped from him out into the corridor where the irate nurse stood transfixed and the young man in authority frowned.

THE END.

To The Keystone: The article in the May number (*The Keystone*) on conventions is admirable. I ask you to renew my subscription to *The Keystone* and to take a subscription for the Division, to be sent to Mrs. J. A. Carruthers, Historian, Baton Rouge, La. *The Keystone* certainly contains more information and items of interest to the U. D. C. as well as other women's associations, in the limited space allotted to each, than any paper I know of.

(Mrs. D. A. S.) MARY A. VAUGHT,
President Louisiana Division U. D. C.

SOUTH CAROLINA DIVISION UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY.

This Department is official, and will be continued monthly.

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47 Chapters—1,700 Members.

THE GOLD BADGE presented to the S. C. Division by the Central Committee for the sale of Davis Monument Buttons, was bestowed on the successful contestant for the Badge, Miss Hallie White, of Johnston, S. C., on June 3rd, Jefferson Davis' birthday. The Confederate Hall at Johnston was opened to the public for the first time on this occasion. The Badge was presented by Mrs. G. P. Cobb, of Johnston's, with suitable remarks and the Chapter served a beautiful dinner from which they raised \$40.00 towards their Chapter Treasury. The following note has been received from Miss White:

To The Davis Monument Association, The Historical Committee of South Carolina, and to every Chapter that cast votes for me:

I wish to express to you my most hearty thanks for the lovely emblematic badge that was through your untiring efforts presented to me, the successful winner of the proud old State of South Carolina, on June the 3rd inst. I shall wear it with pride, own it with tender patriotic devotion, and keep it as a trophy of honor, reminding me of the valor and love-like devotion of "Our Boys In Gray" as long as I shall live.

Yours Gratefully,

Johnston, S. C., June 12th, 1905. HALLIE H. WHITE.

AN OLD FOLK'S Concert," an original drama in three acts, by Mrs. J. H. White and Mrs. I. R. Ivey, of Johnston, S. C., is a clever little play suitable for a drawing room or a hall. The scene is laid in Augusta, Ga., and there are fourteen characters in the cast. It is so arranged as to bring in many old fashioned musical songs and selections, and there are practical suggestions in the pamphlet as to "How to give the Concert." This little play has been given with marked success and is suitable for organizations wishing to give entertainments to raise funds. Price 50 cts. Address all communications to Mrs. J. H. White, Johnston, S. C.

THE CHESTER CHAPTER of the Daughters of the Confederacy laid the corner stone of their Confederate Monument on May 10th, with most successful ceremonies. Judge W. H. Brawley, of Charleston, was the orator of the day, and his speech has been widely quoted and favorably commented upon by the press generally. The contract for the monument was awarded March 31st, to the McNeill Marble Co., of Gainesville, Georgia. The monument will cost \$2,000. Crosses of honor were also conferred on the occasion and the exercises closed with the decoration of the graves of the Confederate dead.

RATES for the San Francisco Convention U. D. C. will be reported later. Mrs. R. W. Hunt, the member of the Transportation Committee U. D. C. for South Carolina, is making every effort to get a low rate for this territory, and as soon as a definite rate is fixed she will give it to the public press.

United Daughters of the Confederacy.

President—Mrs. A. T. Smythe, 31 Legare St., Charleston, S. C.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. V. F. McSherry, Martinsburg, West Virginia.

(UP-TO-DATE NOTES.)

THE ninth annual convention of the Alabama Division was held in Mobile, May 10th-11th, 1905.

The convention was well attended and the consensus of opinion of all the delegates was, that this was the most successful of any yet held. After the many addresses of welcome from the city, the Veterans' Camp, the Sons of Veterans, the Hostess Chapter U. D. C., and the Response from the Division, the Credentials Committee reported the voting strength of the convention to be 109.

The President's Annual Report gave evidence of active work throughout the State, eight new chapters having been added to the State roster since last May. Fifty-five enthusiastic chapters now constitute the Division, with 2,411 members. The Children's Auxiliary work is in a flourishing condition also, numbering now fifteen and but two years since organized. The children are permitted to bring their reports and present them when the Report of the Chapters are called for. One of these was made by little four year old Catherine Samford, granddaughter of the late Governor Samford, who represented the Emma Sansom Chapter of Troy. This little miss was not yet old enough to read, but when her report was called for, she proceeded upon the rostrum with the graceful bearing of an older daughter, and the President placed her upon the table, when she told the convention in rhyme her little story.

"Emma Sansom was a little girl, though not so small as I,
When she rode with General Forrest and heard the bullets fly.
Being the granddaughter of two Confederates indeed
I bring the record of my chapter, though you know I cannot read."

The future possibilities of the U. D. C. lie in our children chapters.

The most important work engaging the Division just now is the proposed monument to be placed on the Shiloh battlefield. When the Chairman on this committee reported \$1,850 in her possession the enthusiasm of the convention was evident in voting \$100.00 to swell the fund and ordered the Chairman to negotiate for designs; hoping to erect in the near future a testimonial to those heroes who now sleep in the trenches. Mrs. J. N. Thompson at this juncture presented to the Division a gavel made from the wood of a tree growing near Shiloh Church. Imbedded in the gavel is a bullet lodged there during the battle at Shiloh.

The Literary feature of the annual convention is indeed most attractive and enjoyable as the programme here below will attest:

Poem on the Battle of Mobile Bay, Mr. J. A. Rountree, Birmingham; The Military Operations Around Mobile, Miss E. M. Bullock, Montgomery; Recitation, "Stonewall Jackson's Way," Mrs. Greenwood Ligon; A Dramatic Incident of War-Times in the History of Alabama, Miss McDavid, Florence; several musical selections, including Southern Plantation Songs, The Homespun Dress, Listen to the Mocking Bird, Old Folks at Home, Home, Sweet Home and Dixie, with words by Mrs. Ockendon.

The constitution bars an officer more than two consecutive years of service, hence the election of officers resulted as follows:

Mrs. J. A. Thompson, President.
Mrs. E. Semmes Colson, 1st Vice-President.

Mrs. C. C. Seed, 2nd Vice-President.

Mrs. Chappell Cory, Recording Secretary.

Mrs. Mattie McDavid, Corresponding Secretary.

Mrs. Harvey E. Jones, Historian.

After singing Auld Lang Syne the convention adjourned to meet May, 1906, in Union Springs.

Troy, Ala.

M. P. Wood.

THE FOLLOWING is a valuable criticism of the Shepard Pictures made by an ex-member of Genl. Beauregard's Staff and a retired Colonel of the English Army.

"It is truly kind of you sending me these beautiful and interesting pictures (Shepard Pictures), I have never before seen any representation of the Confederate soldier so true to reality. The artist is to be highly congratulated. Not only are the uniforms exact, but the types he has chosen are those that I can match in my mind's eye. The Captain of Artillery watching the result of a shot! The mounted man with the bridle in hand off to fix up his horse. *

* * The handsome young infantry soldier is true to life and fact. He ought to have had a corn cob pipe to make him perfect! I presume the artist is a Southern man, otherwise he could hardly have given the expression he has to the men. If he is a gentleman of your acquaintance and you have the opportunity, would you kindly express to him how much I admire his work?"

H. W. FIELDEN,
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THE FOLLOWING is a correction which *The Keystone* gladly makes:

I see in your June issue a communication from Mrs. Ernest Allen, of Vicksburg, in which there is a grave error. The action taken by the Mississippi Division at their recent meeting in Macon, Miss., was an endorsement of the movement of the Veterans to bestow upon Mrs. Hayes, the eldest daughter of President Davis, the title of "a Daughter of the South," and not "a Daughter of the Confederacy." I am sure the mistake was one of inadvertency and would ask you in your July number to correct it.

Very sincerely yours,

MRS. LURA T. McKIE,
Rec. Sec. Miss. Div. U. D. C.

Biloxi, Miss.

THE ALBERT SIDNEY Johnston Chapter U. D. C. of San Francisco, has announced the candidacy of its President, Mrs. Alfred Hunter Voorhies, for the office of first vice-president of the United Daughters of the Confederacy at the Convention to be held in San Francisco, Oct. 3rd, 1905. Mrs. Voorhies was Miss Annie Bailey, a daughter of David J. Bailey, one of the signers of the ordinance of secession of Georgia, and the Colonel of a Georgia regiment, which he equipped at his own expense. Dr. Voorhies was in the army during the entire war and Mrs. Voorhies is one of the founders of the Albert Sidney Johnston Chapter, the first Chapter formed outside of the South, and the Charter Chapter of the California Division. Mrs. Voorhies is eminently fitted for the office her Chapter is requesting for her both by her inheritance and by her charming personality, which has endeared her to the U. D. C. She was a prominent figure at both the Charleston and St. Louis Conventions, and has many friends all over the South who would gladly see this honor come to her.

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Book Reviews.

"A DIARY FROM DIXIE," by Mary Boykin Chesnut, is one of those convincing contributions to literature which are marked by a strong personal note. The original MSS. of this diary was the property of Miss I. D. Martin, of Columbia, S. C., who, together with Mrs. Myrta Lockett Avery, of Virginia, edited the manuscript and prepared it for the publishers. In the pages of this book one follows the varied experiences of the life of a Confederate woman from '61-'65. Flashes of humor and pathos, the tragedies of war, the charm of the love story, the simple domestic life, and the political plans and schemes of the day, all pass in review before the reader. Mrs. Chesnut's life was so closely associated with the official life of the Confederacy that the glimpses she gives of the personalities of that day are most interesting and helpful in comprehending the history of the times. Her descriptions of the life in Montgomery, Charleston, Richmond and Columbia during the War between the States are marked with a knowledge and sympathetic appreciation of the people which are most acceptable. The reader is constantly impressed with wonder at the forethought of the woman who in times of such social and political upheaval could take time to chronicle the events of her day which she was wise enough to see were to be of historic moment in the future. Always alive to a humorous situation, emotional to a degree, filled with generous impulses, and a keen observer, Mrs. Chesnut has, through her own personality, painted a picture which is a most acceptable contribution to Southern literature. All Southerners will read *A Diary from Dixie* with a feeling of personal interest and any student of history will find it excellent parallel reading in considering the great drama of the War between the States.

(Pp. 404, \$2.50 net. D. Appleton & Co, New York.)

"THE LION'S SKIN," by John S. Wise, of Richmond, Va., may really be considered a sequel (in story form) of the author's former book, "*The End of an Era*," while it is in a large measure autobiographical. Mr. Wise (the son of Henry A. Wise, at one time Governor of Virginia) although taking part in the Confederate army himself while a cadet at V. M. I., at the close of the *War Between the States* became a Republican and was elected to Congress. For this reason, his political experiences have been varied and the telling of them makes interesting reading. Since 1888, Mr. Wise has lived in New York City, where he practices law.

The present volume is a novel of Virginia in the trying days of Reconstruction, a story in which fact and fiction are ingeniously interwoven. While presenting pictures of the people and the times, and telling an absorbing love story, the author makes a plea for the South-

ern man, who after the war turned Republican. We feel that he is making a plea for himself and his motives. He shows us the terrible condition of Virginia during military government, the awful abuses of carpet bag rule, and the conflict existing between the old time Virginians and the Republican party. The book is a series of dramatic pictures.

(Cloth, \$1.50. Doubleday, Page and Company, New York City.)

"HURRICANE ISLAND," by H. B. Marriott Watson, an adventurous romance of the sea, is a bright and entertaining novel of love and adventure. A prince and princess in disguise, a clever English doctor, the hero of all occasions, a French prima donna, and a mixed crew on a private yacht, make up a *dramatis personae* which furnish excellent entertainment for summer reading. The love story is full of a subtle charm and the contrasting of the characters of the German prince with the English doctor is well done. The beautiful princess Alix is at heart a real woman and holds one's interest and respect to the end. The entire story is permeated with the breath of the sea, and those who wish a tale of daring adventure softened and embellished by all the luxuries and amenities of civilized life, will thoroughly enjoy *Hurricane Island*. Sixteen illustrations add much to the attractiveness of the book.

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"THE BREATH OF THE GODS," by Sidney McCall, the author of "*Truth Dexter*," is a novel of unusual charm and interest. The scene is laid partly in Washington and partly in Japan, the characters American, French and Japanese, showing the author's knowledge of these nationalities. The plot is strong, original, and unexpected, full of surprises and striking situations. The heroine is a fascinating creation, and the complications of Japanese inheritance with American training are wonderfully handled. Appearing at a time when all eyes are turned towards Japan and its people, the scene and plot are most timely, and "*The Breath of the Gods*" promises to be the most interesting novel of the day.

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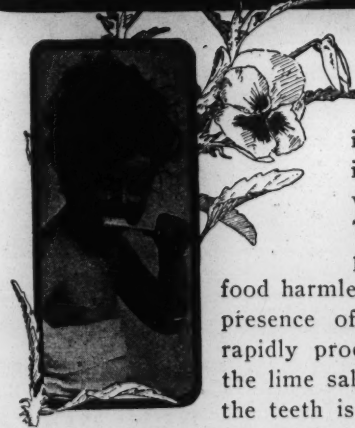
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